

**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Hearing Date: May 14, 2004

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Approval of Pit and Fissure Sealant Courses

Section Affected: 1070.3

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

Proposed changes to Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Section 1086, when effective, will allow Registered Dental Assistants (RDAs) to perform the additional duty of applying pit and fissure sealants to teeth, after completing a Board-approved course in this procedure. Proposed new section 1070.3 would specify the requirements that such course providers must meet to obtain Board approval in terms of prerequisites, administration and faculty, course length, facilities and resources, program content, externship instruction, and student evaluation and examination.

Factual Basis

Proposed changes to Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Section 1086 will allow Registered Dental Assistants (RDAs) to apply pit and fissure sealants after completing a Board-approved course. Proposed new regulation section 1070.3 would provide the requirements that such course providers must meet to obtain approval, which is generally patterned after the recently-revised regulations that govern full RDA educational programs, Sections 1070, 1070.1, and 1070.2

Underlying Data

Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1070, 1070.1, and 1070.2

Business Impact

The proposed changes would not have any impact on businesses.

#### Specific Technologies or Equipment

The proposed new regulation mandates the use of specific dental equipment to assure that RDAs are properly instructed to perform the dental procedure of applying pit and fissure sealants to teeth.

#### Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Dental Board of California would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.